the Veterans Administration in this joint project.

Their findings should have a significant impact on the smoking of cigarettes in this country, and will probably lead to a reassessment of advertising claims and policies of the cigarette industry.

(2) The reports by Drs. Hammond and Auerbach demonstrate that smoking filter cigarettes, with certain degrees of filtration, reduced the incidence of actual lung cancer within a relatively short time (the dogs smoked for approximately 2½ years. This extrapolated to humans would be approximately 18 years of human life). However, initial examination of lung tissue of filter smoking dogs who smoked for 875 days showed lung tissue damage very similar to that found at an earlier stage in lungs of dogs smoking non-filter cigarettes. The latter were in the same groups in which lung cancers later developed.

Therefore, the filter cigarette cannot objectively be called a "safe" cigarette. However, cigarettes with effective filters are demonstrated to be less harmful than non-filters.

(3) The reports by Drs. Hammond and Auerbach are in full accord with the conclusive epidemiological and pathological studies in humans which led to the determination of a causal relationship between cigarette smoking and lung cancer reported in the Surgeon General's Report of 1964.

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(4) The findings of Drs. Auerbach and Hammond effectively refute contentions by cigarette manufacturing interests that there was no cigarette-cancer link, and any claims to the contrary were only "statistical."

(5) Filter-tip cigarette smokers should not be lulled into a feeling of false security by the report of the filter-tip smoking portions of these two studies. They should realize that filter-tip cigarettes, if they effectively reduce tar and nicotine in the mainstream smoke, are, at best, only less damaging to lung tissue than non-filter cigarettes. As such, however, they are better than the non-filter types.

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